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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9879**
Fumio KURIYAMA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0318A
Serial No. 10/571,751 : Group Art Unit 2812
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PLATING METHOD AND APPARATUS : **Mail Stop:** Amendment

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of May 15, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group III, claims 20-43, drawn to plating apparatuses with an acid treatment chamber, without traverse, for further prosecution. In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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